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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

John Q. Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 July 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 40 and 45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 40-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Applicant's election without traverse of Group IV in Paper No. 7 has been acknowledged.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim 40 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Decker et al (US 5211308). Note nozzle 30, base 31/33, and tapered exit funnel 40. It should be noted that the funnel has a single outlet 40 (as opposed to a funnel with multiple outlets 40 extending at different angles from each other).

Claim 45 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Decker et al (US 5211308). Decker et al discloses the angle to be 25 degrees. To make the angle "about 30 degrees" would have been an obvious matter of design choice to a person having ordinary skill in the art based on factors such as ornamental preference, design criteria, and space optimization.

Claims 40 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Decker et al (US 5211308) in view of Beane et al (US 4905686) or, vice versa, Beane et al in view of Decker et al.

Beane et al discloses another similar apparatus in which the nozzle 8 has a single outlet as is conventional. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary

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skill in the art to alternatively provide the outlet of Decker et al as a conventional single outlet as taught by Beane et al to dispense the paper to reduce the number of parts and costs. Alternatively, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art to alternatively provide the nozzle of Beane et al at an angle as taught by Decker et al to direct the paper to the user. Decker et al discloses the angle to be 25 degrees. To make the angle "about 30 degrees" would have been an obvious matter of design choice to a person having ordinary skill in the art based on factors such as ornamental preference, design criteria, and space optimization.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 40 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection necessitated by the changes to claim 40.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

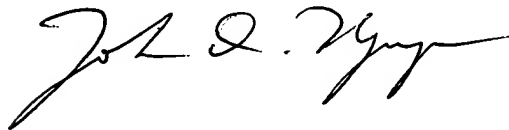
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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Q. Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-2689. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Katherine Matecki, can be reached on (703) 308-2688. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-4177.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Q. Nguyen', with a stylized, cursive script.

John Q. Nguyen
Primary Examiner
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